



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : SHOFNER et al
Serial No. : 09/917,186
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Title : System and Method for Marketing Cotton

Group/A.U. : 3639
Examiner : WU, Ruato

Asheville, North Carolina
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) REPLY/REMARKS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

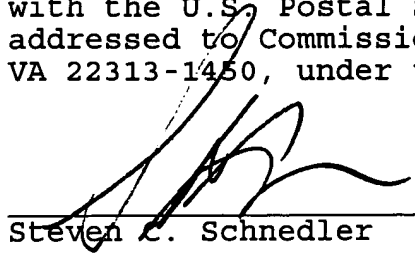
This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed July 25, 2006, which follows applicant's non-entered "Amendment in Response to Final Rejection" filed July 5, 2006, which in turn was in response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006.

Pursuant to RCE practice, it is requested that applicant's previously-filed but unentered "Amendment in Response to Final Rejection" filed July 5, 2006 be entered. The remarks hereinbelow are supplemental to the Remarks included in the "Amendment in Response to Final Rejection" filed July 5, 2006.

Request for Examination of the Claims As Amended

At the outset, it is requested that the claims as amended be examined. In the Office Action mailed 05/02/2006 (Final Rejection) the Examiner, after rejecting claims 1, 9, 19 and 27 under 35 USC § 112, ¶1, on the asserted basis of failing to comply with the written description requirement, concluded (on page 3, in numbered section 10): "Therefore, the amended

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